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AN ACT

RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 53.2, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

2. a. The state commissioner shall prescribe a form for absentee ballot applications. However, if a registered voter submits an application on a sheet of paper no smaller than three by five inches in size that includes all of the information required in this section, the prescribed form is not required.

b. Absentee ballot applications may include instructions to send the application directly to the county commissioner of elections. However, no absentee ballot application shall be preaddressed or printed with instructions to send the applications to anyone other than the appropriate commissioner.

c. No absentee ballot application shall be preaddressed or printed with instructions to send the ballot to anyone other than the voter.

Sec. 2. Section 53.2, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

4. Each application shall contain the name and signature of the registered voter, the registered voter's date of birth, the address at which the voter is registered to vote, and the name or date of the election for which the absentee ballot is requested, and such other information as may be necessary to determine the correct absentee ballot for the registered voter. If insufficient information has been provided, either on the prescribed form or on an application created by the applicant, the commissioner shall, by the best means available, obtain the additional necessary information.

Sec. 3. Section 53.3, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

53.3 ~~RECEIPT REQUIRED~~ REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS == PRESCRIBED FORM == RECEIPT.

1. When an application for an absentee ballot is solicited by, or collected for return to the commissioner by, a person acting as an actual or implied agent for a political party, candidate, or committee, as defined by chapter 68A, the person shall provide the applicant with the form prescribed by the state commissioner.

2. a. When an application for an absentee ballot is solicited by, and returned to the commissioner by, a person acting as an actual or implied agent for a political party, candidate, or committee, as defined by chapter 68A, the person shall issue to the applicant a receipt for the completed application.

b. The receipt shall contain the following information:

~~1-~~ (1) The name of the applicant.

~~2-~~ (2) The date and time the completed application was received from the applicant.

~~3-~~ (3) The name and date of the election for which the application is being completed.

~~4-~~ (4) The name of the political party, candidate, or committee for whom the person is soliciting and returning the application for the absentee ballot.

~~5-~~ (5) The name of the person acting as an actual or implied agent for the political party, candidate, or committee.

~~6-~~ (6) A statement that the application will be delivered to the appropriate commissioner within seventy-two hours of the date and time the completed application was received from the applicant or no later than five p.m. on the Friday before the election, whichever is earlier.

~~7-~~ (7) A statement that an absentee ballot will be mailed to the applicant within twenty-four hours after the ballot for the election is available.

c. The commissioner shall make receipt forms required by

3 4 this section available for photocopying at the expense of the
3 5 political party, candidate, or committee.

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President of the Senate

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PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

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3 17 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
3 18 is known as Senate File 2089, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

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CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor